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C) OTTAWA 4170; D) COPENHAGEN 2953 (NOTAL)

1. WE CONCUR WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN
REFS A - C RE THE DESIRABILITY OF BRIEFINGS IN ALLIED CAPITALS
BY NATO OFFICIALS. PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN DENMARK IS THE
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INVOLVEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

2. "NATO" AS OPPOSED TO "US" SPOKESMAN WOULD ALSO INCREASE THE IMPACT OF BRIEFINGS HERE, ESPECIALLY SINCE DEFENSE MINISTER ORLA MOLLER AND AT LEAST PART OF DANISH POLITICAL-MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY RECENTLY EXPOSED TO EXCELLENT PRESENTATIONS BY SECDEF AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON AND BY DR. CURRIE HERE (REF D). IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CREDIBILITY OF THE NATO BRIEFING WOULD BE ENHANCED IF TEAM COULD INCLUDE NATIONALS FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY, COUNTRIES WITH WHICH DANES NATURALLY IDENTIFY IN THE ALLIANCE CONTEXT.

3. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, ADD ONE CAVEAT. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN NATO AND DANISH REPRESENTATIVES - PRESUMABLY IN BRUSSELS - SHOULD BE CAREFULLY MADE IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO ASSURE THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT CAN ASSEMBLE THE RIGHT PEOPLE FOR THE BRIEFING. AS WE NOTED IN REF D, THE EFFECT OF DR. CURRIE'S BRIEFING WOULD HAVE BEEN HEIGHTENED EVEN MORE IF A WIDER REPRESENTATION OF THE DANISH POLITICAL SPECTRUM WOULD HAVE ATTENDED.

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